

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1—6, 9-11, 13 and 14 will be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein; claims 7, 8, 12 and 15 will be amended, and claim 16-19 will be added, whereby 7, 8, 12, and 15-19 will be pending. Claims 7, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19 are independent claims.

Applicants note the claims have been amended to be more in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Moreover, claim 7 has been amended to include subject matter from objected to claim 9. Moreover, claims 12 and 15 have also been amended to include the subject matter of claim 9. Newly added claims 16-19 are similar to originally presented claims 7, 8, 12 and 15, and have been written to include “consisting of” language as compared to “comprising” language included in the originally presented claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Response To Indication Of Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 9 has not been rejected over prior art, but has only been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. In response, Applicants have amended claim 7 to substantially include the subject matter of claim 9 so that independent claim 7, and claim 8 which depends upon claim 7, should presently be in condition for allowance.

Moreover, newly-added claims 16 and 17 include similar subject matter to that of claims 7 and 8 while utilizing “consisting of” language in independent claim 16. Accordingly, independent claim 16, and claim 17 which depends therefrom, should also be indicated to be allowable over the art of record.

Moreover, Applicants note that claims 12 and 15 have been amended to include similar subject matter to that recited in claim 9, and the Examiner is requested to review these amended claims and to indicate that these claims also include allowable subject matter.

Consideration Of Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants express appreciation for the inclusion with the Office Action of an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed July 9, 2004, July 29, 2004 and October 12, 2004, whereby the Examiner's consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements is of record.

Claim Of Priority

Applicants express appreciation for the acknowledgment of the claim of foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy of the Japanese priority application.

Drawings

Applicants also express appreciation for the indication that the drawings filed June 4, 2004 are accepted.

Response To Restriction

The Restriction Requirement has been maintained, and made Final with claims 7-9, 12 and 15 having been examined on the merits, and claims 1-6, 10, 11, 13 and 14 standing withdrawn from further consideration.

In response, Applicants have canceled non-elected claims 1-6, 10, 11, 13 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of the subject matter recited therein in one or more divisional and/or continuation applications.

Response To Rejection Based Upon Prior Art

Claims 7, 8, 12 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2002-193662.

In this ground of rejection, it is contended that JP 2002-193662 discloses dielectric materials to resonators comprising a crystalline phase including at least one of MgTiO_3 , CaTiO_3 , MgSiO_4 and BaTi_4O_9 , and that Example 18 discloses selecting the components of the crystalline phase to contain 0.25 MgTiO_3 , 0.70 MgSiO_4 and 0.05 CaTiO_3 on a mole basis.

In response, Applicants submit that, as discussed above, independent claim 7 has been amended to substantially include the subject matter of claim 9, whereby claims 7 and 8 should be indicated to be allowable.

Moreover, claims 12 and 15 have also been amended to include the subject matter of claim 9, and Applicants therefore submit that the combination of features recited in claims 12 and 15 should also be indicated to be allowable.

Still further, as also discussed above, newly-added claims 16-19 include consisting of language wherein these claims are directed to dielectric porcelain compositions consisting of MgTiO_3 , Mg_2SiO_4 and CaTiO_3 . Therefore, these claims include dielectric porcelain compositions consisting of MgTiO_3 , Mg_2SiO_4 and CaTiO_3

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and impurities ordinarily associated therewith. Therefore, these claims include impurities, such as a glass element, ordinarily associated with such compositions.

Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

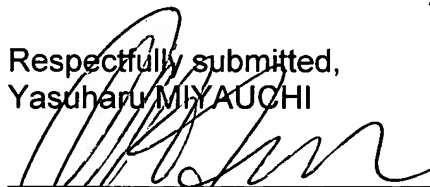
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections and rejections of record, and allow each of the pending claims.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that an early indication of allowance of the application be indicated by the mailing of the Notices of Allowance and Allowability.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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